

Bank of Pennsylvania
(Philadelphia Bank, Philadelphia National Bank)
421 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia
Philadelphia County
Pennsylvania

HABS No. PA-1392

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National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME)		HABS NO.
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
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COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
421 Chestnut Street		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
1857-59	John M. Gries, architect	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
This building was erected by the Bank of Pennsylvania and was purchased by the Philadelphia Bank in 1859, following the Panic of 1857.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
Renaissance Revival style in the Venetian mode		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)		
Brick with Quincy granite ashlar front.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)		
Dimensions: 70' (five-bay front) X 45'		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE		
Monolithic pilasters and round arches on ground floor; tall arches with carved keystones at second and third floors; rusticated quoins. The roof originally had a cast-iron dome.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
The original first floor plan consisted of a central corridor and a rear banking room.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
Four-story building built between front and rear buildings, probably early 1892 or before. Rear banking room demolished 1892, replaced by five-story office building and passageway, 1892-93; raised to six stories 1903, designed by Theophilus Parsons Chandler, Jr., arch.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
For more information: <u>History of the Philadelphia National Bank</u> , Nicholas B. Wainwright, Philadelphia, 1953. A drawing of "Bank Row" may be found in <u>Baxter's Business Directory</u> (con't on page 2)		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)		
Some of this information is based on Richard Webster's <u>Philadelphia Preserved</u> , published in 1976 by Temple University Press. Other information is based on an insurance survey and HABS survey report.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION		DATE
Susan McCown, Historic American Buildings Survey		February 2, 1984

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